# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE TAX	)		
LIABILITIES OF:	)	Civil Action No.	
	)		
JOHN DOE, Norwegian taxpayer holding	)		
American Express Company	)		
payment card XXXXXXXXXXX2029.	)		

# DECLARATION OF CHERYL KIGER

- I, Cheryl Kiger, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1746, declare and state:
- 1. I am a duly commissioned Internal Revenue Agent assigned as Technical Specialist in the Internal Revenue Service's Offshore Compliance Initiatives Program. The Offshore Compliance Initiatives Program develops projects, methodologies, and techniques for identifying United States taxpayers who are involved in abusive offshore transactions and financial arrangements for tax-avoidance purposes. I have been an Internal Revenue Agent since 1991, and I have specialized in offshore investigations since 2010. As a Revenue Agent, I have received training in abusive offshore tax issues. I also have experience in investigating offshore tax matters.
- 2. Since February 2011, I have been assigned to work on the IRS Offshore Private
  Banking Initiative. Prior to that, for approximately one year, I was assigned as a Technical
  Advisor to agents reviewing Offshore Voluntary Disclosure submissions. Prior to that, and from approximately 2003, I worked on the IRS efforts to address various other abusive tax arrangements.

- 3. As stated in the Declaration of Michael Danilack ("U.S. Competent Authority") filed concurrently with this Declaration, the Norwegian Competent Authority has properly requested assistance from the IRS to obtain information pursuant to Article 28 of the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Norway for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income and Property ("Convention").
- 4. The U.S. Competent Authority's office has requested my assistance in the capacity as an IRS revenue agent to obtain the information requested by the Norwegian Competent Authority. The U.S. Competent Authority has provided me with a list of payment cards issued by U.S. financial institutions that the Norwegian Directorate of Taxes ("NDT") has identified and is to be used to determine the correct income tax liability of certain as-yet-unidentified taxpayers (hereinafter "John Does") under the laws of Norway.
- 5. Payment card XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX2029<sup>1</sup> issued by American Express Company is one of the cards identified by Norway and given to me by the U.S. Competent Authority.

  Payment card 2029 is part of the NDT's Payment Card Project whose volume and history of use in Norway suggest that its holder is a Norwegian taxpayer who may have failed to report foreign financial accounts or income on the tax returns that he or she was required to file under the revenue laws of Norway.
- 6. In furtherance of Norway's request for information, the IRS proposes to issue an administrative "John Doe" summons to American Express Company. A copy of the proposed

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The account number of the payment card at issue contains fifteen digits. For privacy considerations, all but the last four digits have been redacted.

summons is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A. As described in greater detail below:

(1) the proposed "John Doe" summons to American Express Company relates to the investigation of a particular person or ascertainable group or class of persons; (2) there is reasonable basis for believing that this person or group or class of persons has failed or may have failed to comply with provisions of the internal revenue laws of Norway; and (3) the information and documents sought to be obtained from the examination of the records or testimony (and the identity of the person with respect to whose tax liability the summons has been issued) are not readily available from sources other than American Express Company.

- I. The summons describes a particular person or ascertainable class of persons.
- 7. The proposed "John Doe" summons seeks information regarding the holder or holders of a specific payment card, identified by account number, that was issued by American Express Company. This investigation relates to a particular person (or group of persons if the account is jointly held) that is easily ascertainable by account number.
- II. There is reasonable basis to believe that this person has failed to comply with the internal revenue laws of Norway.
- 8. Norway has provided information to the IRS, through the U.S. Competent

  Authority, that shows that payment card 2029 issued by American Express Company was used in

  approximately 83 transactions in Norway from January 2004 through April 2012.
- 9. According to the information provided to the U.S. Competent Authority from Norway, the American Express transactions combined for a total volume of approximately 684,606.00 NOK. From January 2004 through April 2012, the U.S.-dollar equivalent of one Norwegian Krone ranged from a low of approximately 14 cents to a high of approximately

20 cents. See OANDA, Norwegian Kroner to US Dollar,

http://www.oanda.com/currency/historical-rates/. Using 17 cents as the average U.S.-dollar equivalent of one Norwegian Kroner during that period, payment card XXXXXXXXXXXXXX2029 was used in Norway from January 2004 through April 2012 for a combined volume of approximately \$116,383.

- 10. Based on the information provided to the U.S. Competent Authority by Norway, including the use of a payment card to withdraw currency and/or to purchase goods and services without leaving an identifiable record of such transactions and the level of activity and large dollar volume of transactions on the card, and based on my general knowledge and experience concerning taxpayers who use banking and other services in foreign jurisdictions, it is reasonable to believe that the unidentified holder of payment card XXXXXXXXXXXX2029 issued by American Express Company may have failed to report income to Norway.
- III. The requested materials are not readily available from other sources.
- 11. Information provided to the U.S. Competent Authority from Norway indicates that for payment cards that are used only at automated-teller machines or in transactions where authorization is by PIN code and the cardholder need not identify himself or herself, the cardholders cannot be identified from information sources in Norway. Payment card XXXXXXXXXXX2029 issued by American Express Company is one of the cards whose holder cannot be identified from information sources in Norway.
- 12. The only repository of the information sought by the proposed summons that is available to the IRS is American Express Company, which holds the payment card relationship

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with the John Doe in question and maintains records of that payment card account and related financial accounts.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2013.

CHERYL KIGER
Internal Revenue Agent
Internal Revenue Service



# **Summons**

In the matter of The No	rwegian income tax liability of John Doe, holder of Ar	merican Express Card
Internal Revenue Service		Article 28 of the Norway - United
•	number): Deputy Commissioner (International)	States Income Tax Treaty
Periods: January 01, 200	3 through December 31, 2011	Type of Tax: Income
	The Commissioner of Internal Rev	/enue
o: American Express		
t: Attn: Subpoena Com	npliance Department, 43 Butterfield Circle, El Paso, T	exas 79906-5202
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See attachment		
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www.irs.gov	Signature of issuing officer	Title
rm 2039 (Rev. 12-2008) talog Number 21405J	Signature of approving officer (if applicable)	Title

Original - to be kept by IRS



# Service of Summons, Notice and Recordkeeper Certificates

(Pursuant to section 7603, Internal Revenue Code)

I certify that I se	rved the summons shown on t	ne front of this form on:
Date		Time
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# Summons

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Internal Revenue Service		LB&I	Article 28 of the Norway - United
- ·	•	Deputy Commissioner (International)	States Income Tax Treaty
Periods: January 01, 2	003 through I	December 31, 2011	Type of Tax: Income
		The Commissioner of Internal Rev	renue
To: American Express			
At: Attn: Subpoena Co	ompliance De	partment, 43 Butterfield Circle, El Paso, T	exas 79906-5202
You are hereby summoned a	and required to ap	opear before Cheryl Kiger or designee	
an officer of the internal Reve and other data relating to th	enue Service, to s ne tax liability or	give testimony and to bring with you and to produce	for examination the following books, records, papers, e of inquiring into any offense connected with the e for the periods shown.
See attachment			
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## Sec. 7602. Examination of books and witnesses

(a) Authority to Summon, etc. - For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return, making a return where none has been made, determining the liability of any person for any internal revenue tax or the liability at law or in equity of any transferee or fiduciary of any person in respect of any internal revenue tax, or collecting any such liability, the Secretary is authorized -

- (1) To examine any books, papers, records, or other data which may be relevant or material to such inquiry.
- (2) To summon the person liable for tax or required to perform the act, or any officer or employee of such person, or any person having possession, custody, or care of books of account containing entries relating to the business of the person liable for tax or required to perform the act, or any other person the Secretary may deem proper, to appear before the Secretary at a time and place named in the summons and to produce such books, papers, records, or other data, and to give such testimony, under oath, as may be relevant or material to such inquiry; and (3) To take such testimony of the person concerned, under oath, as may be relevant or material to such inquiry.
- (b) Purpose may include inquiry into offense. The purposes for which the Secretary may take any action described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) include the purpose of inquiring into any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal
- (c) Notice of contact of third parties. -
  - (1) General Notice. An officer or employee of the Internal Revenue Service may not contact any person other than the taxpayer with respect to the determination or collection of the tax liability of such taxpayer without providing reasonable notice in advance to the taxpayer that contacts with persons other than the taxpayer may be
  - (2) Notice of specific contacts. The Secretary shall periodically provide to a taxpayer a record of persons contacted during such period by the Secretary with respect to the determination or collection of the tax liability of such taxpayer. Such record shall also be provided upon request of the taxpayer.
    (3) Exceptions. - This subsection shall not apply-
  - - (A) to any contact which the taxpayer has authorized,
      (B) if the Secretary determines for good cause shown that such notice would jeopardize collection of any tax or such notice may involve reprisal against any person, or
    - (C) with respect to any pending criminal investigation.
- (d) No administrative summons when there is Justice Department referral.-
  - (1) Limitation of authority. No summons may be issued under this title, and the Secretary may not begin any action under section 7604 to enforce any summons, with respect to any person if a Justice Department referral is in effect with respect
  - to such person.
    (2) Justice Department referral in effect. For purposes of this subsection-(A) In general. - A Justice Department referral is in effect with respect to any person if-
    - (i) the Secretary has recommended to the Attorney General a grand jury investigation of, or the criminal prosecution of, such person for any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws or (ii) any request is made under section 6103(h)(3)(B) for the disclosure of any return or return information (within the
    - meaning of section 6103(b)) relating to such person.

      (B) Termination. A Justice Department referral shall cease to be in effect with respect to a person when-
      - (i) the Attorney General notifies the Secretary, in writing,
        - (I) he will not prosecute such person for any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws.
        - (II) he will not authorize a grand jury investigation of such person with respect to such an offense, or (III) he will discontinue such a grand jury investigation.
      - (ii) a final disposition has been made of any criminal proceeding pertaining to the enforcement of the internal revenue laws which was instituted by the Attorney General against such person, or
      - (iii) the Attorney General notifies the Secretary, in writing, that he will not prosecute such person for any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws relating to the request described in sub paragraph (A)(ii).
  - (3) Taxable years, etc., treated separately. For purposes of this subsection, each taxable period (or, if there is no taxable period, each taxable event) and each tax imposed by a separate chapter of this title shall be treated separately
- (e) Limitation on examination on unreported income. The Secretary shall not use financial status or economic reality examination techniques to determine the existence of unreported income of any taxpayer unless the Secretary has a reasonable indication that there is a likelihood of such unreported income.

Authority to examine books and witness is also provided under sec. 6420 (e)(2) - Gasoline used on farms; sec. 6421(g)(2) - Gasoline used for certain nonhighway purposes by local transit systems, or sold for certain exempt purposes; and sec. 6427(j)(2) - Fuels not used for taxable purposes.

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### Sec. 7603. Service of summons

(a) in general - A summons issued under section 6420(e)(2), 6421(g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602 shall be served by the Secretary, by an attested copy delivered in hand to the person to whom it is directed, or left at his last and usual place of abode; and the certificate of service signed by the person serving the summons shall be evidence of the facts it states on the hearing of an application for the enforcement of the summons. When the summons requires the production of books, papers, records, or other data, it shall be sufficient if such books, papers, records, or other data are described with reasonable certainty

- (b) Service by mail to third-party recordkeepers.
  - (1) In general. A summons referred to in subsection (a) for the production of books, papers, records, or other data by a third-party recordkeeper may also be served by certified or registered mail to the last known address of such
  - (2) Third party record keeper. For purposes of paragraph (1), the term third-party recordkeeper means
    - (A) any mutual savings bank, cooperative bank, domestic building and loan association, or other savings institution chartered and supervised as a savings and loan or similar association under Federal or State law, any bank (as defined in section 581), or any credit union (within the meaning of section 501 (c)(14)(A));
    - (B) any consumer reporting agency (as defined under section 603(f) of
    - the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 a(f)); (C) Any person extending credit through the use of credit cards or similar devices:
    - (D) any broker (as defined in section 3(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Àct of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(4));
    - (E) any attomey;
    - (F) any accountant;
    - (G) any barter exchange (as defined in section 6045(c)(3));
    - (H) any regulated investment company (as defined in section 851) and any agent of such regulated investment company when acting as an agent thereof;
    - (I) any enrolled agent; and
    - (J) any owner or developer of a computer software source code (as defined in section 7612(d)(2)). Subparagraph (J) shall apply only with respect to a summons requiring the production of the source code referred to in subparagraph (J) or the program and data described in section 7612(b)(1)(A)(ii) to which source code relates.

#### Sec. 7604. Enforcement of summons

(a) Jurisdiction of District Court, - If any person is summoned under the internal revenue laws to appear, to testify, or to produce books, papers, records, or other data, the United States district court for the district in which such person resides or is found shall have jurisdiction by appropriate process to compel such attendance, testimony, or production of books, papers, records, or other data.

(b) Enforcement. - Whenever any person summoned under section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602 neglects or refuses to obey such summons, or to produce books, papers, records, or other data, or to give testimony, as required, the Secretary may apply to the judge of the district court or to a United States Commissioner 1 for the district within which the person so summoned resides or is found for an attachment against him as for a contempt. It shall be the duty of the judge or commissioner <sup>1</sup> to hear the application, and, if satisfactory proof is made, to issue an attachment, directed to some proper officer, for the arrest of such person, and upon his being brought before him to proceed to a hearing of the case; and upon such hearing the judge or the United States Commissioner <sup>1</sup>shall have power to make such order as he shall deem proper, not inconsistent with the law for the punishment of contempts, to enforce obedience to the requirements of the summons and to punish such person for his default or disobedience.

TOR United States magistrate, pursuant to P L. 90-578.

# Sec. 7605. Time and place of examination

(a) Time and place. - The time and place of examination pursuant to the provisions of section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602 shall be such time and place as may be fixed by the Secretary and as are reasonable under the circumstances. In the case of a summons under authority of paragraph (2) of section 7602, or under the corresponding authority of section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2) or 6427(j)(2), the date fixed for appearance before the Secretary shall not be less than 10 days from the date of the summons.

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#### Sec. 7610. Fees and costs for witnesses

- (a) In general. The secretary shall by regulations establish the rates and conditions under which payment may be made of -
  - (1) fees and mileage to persons who are summoned to appear before the
  - Secretary, and
    (2) reimbursement for such costs that are reasonably necessary which have been directly incurred in searching for, reproducing, or transporting books, papers, records, or other data required to be produced by summons.
- (b) Exceptions. No payment may be made under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) if (1) the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued has a proprietary interest in the books, papers, records or other data required to be produced, or (2) the person summoned is the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued or an officer, employee, agent, accountant, or attorney of such person who, at the time the summons is served, is acting as such.
- (c) Summons to which section applies. This section applies with respect to any summons authorized under section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602.

# Sec. 7210. Failure to obey summons

Any person who, being duly summoned to appear to testify, or to appear and produce books, accounts, records, memoranda or other papers, as required under sections 6420(e)(2), 6421(g)(2), 6427(j)(2), 7602, 7603, and 7604(b), neglects to appear or to produce such books, accounts, records memoranda, or other papers, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both, together with costs of prosecution.

# Notice to Third Party Recipient of IRS Summons

As a third-party recipient of a summons, you may be entitled to receive payment for certain costs directly incurred which are reasonably necessary to search for, reproduce, or transport records in order to comply with a summons.

This payment is made only at the rates established by the Internal Revenue Service to certain persons served with a summons to produce records or information in which the taxpayer does not have an ownership interest. The taxpayer to whose liability the summons relates and the taxpayer's officer, employee, agent, accountant, or attorney are not entitled to this payment. No payment will be made for any costs which you have charged or billed to other persons.

The rate for search costs is \$8.50 an hour or fraction of an hour and is limited to the total amount of personnel time spent in locating and retrieving documents or information requested by the summons. Specific salaries of such persons may not be included in search costs. In addition, search costs do not include salaries, fees, or similar costs for analysis of material or for managerial or legal advice, expertise, research, or time spent for any of these activities. If itemized separately, search costs may include the actual costs of extracting information stored by computer in the format in which it is normally produced, based on computer time and necessary supplies; however, personnel time for computer search may be paid for only at the Internal Revenue Service rate specified above.

The rate for reproduction costs for making copies or duplicates of summoned documents, transcripts, and other similar material is 20 cents for each page. Photographs, films, and other material are reimbursed at cost.

The rate for transportation costs is the same as the actual cost necessary to transport personnel to locate and retrieve summoned records or information, or costs incurred solely by the need to transport the summoned material to the place of examination.

In addition to payment for search, reproduction, and transportation costs, persons who appear before an Internal Revenue Service officer in response to a summons may request payment for authorized witness fees and mileage fees. You may make this request by contacting the Internal Revenue Service officer or by claiming these costs separately on the itemized bill or invoice as explained below.

# Instructions for requesting payment

After the summons is served, you should keep an accurate record of personnel search time, computer costs, number of reproductions made, and transportation costs. Upon satisfactory compliance, you may submit an itemized bill or invoice to the Internal Revenue Service officer before whom you were summoned to appear, either in person or by mail to the address furnished by the Internal Revenue Service officer. Please write on the itemized bill or invoice the name of the taxpayer to whose liability the summons relates.

If you wish, Form 6863, Invoice and Authorization for Payment of Administrative Summons Expenses, may be used to request payment for search, reproduction, and transportation costs. Standard Form 1157, Claims for Witness Attendance Fees, Travel, and Miscellaneous Expenses, may be used to request payment for authorized witness fees and mileage fees. These forms are available from the Internal Revenue Service officer who issued the summons.

If you have any questions about the payment, please contact the Internal Revenue Service officer before whom you were summoned to appear.

Anyone submitting false claims for payment is subject to possible criminal prosecution.



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#### Sec. 7609. Special procedures for third-party summons

#### (a) Notice-

(1) In general. - If any summons to which this section applies requires the giving of on or relating to, the production of any portion of records made or kept on or relating to, or the production of any portion of records made or kept on or relating to, or the production of any computer software source code (as defined in 7612(d)(2)) with respect to, any person (other than the person summoned) who is identified in the summons, then notice of the summons shall be given to any person so identified within 3 days of the day on which such service is made, but no later than the 23rd day before the day fixed in the summons as the day upon which such records are to be examined. Such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the summons which has been served and shall contain an explanation of the right under subsection (b)(2) to bring a proceeding to quash the summons.

(2) Sufficiency of notice. - Such notice shall be sufficient if, on or before such third day, such notice is served in the manner provided in section 7603 (relating to service of summons) upon the person entitled to notice, or is mailed by certified or registered mail to the last known address of such person, or, in the absence of a last known address, is left with the person summoned. If such notice is mailed, it shall be sufficient if mailed to the last known address of the person entitled to notice or, in the case of notice to the Secretary under section 6903 of the existence of a fiduciary relationship, to the last known address of the fiduciary of such person, even if such person or fiduciary is then deceased, under a legal disability, or no longer in existence.

(3) Nature of summons. - Any summons to which this subsection applies (and any summons in aid of collection described in subsection (c)(2)(D)) shall identify the taxpayer to whom the summons relates or the other person to whom the records pertain and shall provide such other information as will enable the person summoned to locate the records required under the summons.

#### (b) Right to intervene; right to proceeding to quash. -

- (1) Intervention. Notwithstanding any other law or rule of law, any person who is entitled to notice of a summons under subsection (a) shall have the right to intervene in any proceeding with respect to the enforcement of such summons under section 7604.
- (2) Proceeding to quash
  - (A) In general. Notwithstanding any other law or rule of law, any person who is entitled to notice of a summons under subsection (a) shall have the right to begin a proceeding to quash such summons not later than the 20th day after the day such notice is given in the manner provided in subsection (a)(2). In any such proceeding, the Secretary may seek to compel compliance with the summons.
  - (B) Requirement of notice to person summoned and to Secretary. If any person begins a proceeding under subparagraph (A) with respect to any summons, not later than the close of the 20-day period referred to in subparagraph (A) such person shall mail by registered or certified mail a copy of the petition to the person summoned and to such office as the Secretary may direct in the notice referred to in subsection
  - (a) (1). (C) Intervention, etc. Notwithstanding any other law or rule of law, the person summoned shall have the right to intervene in any proceeding under subparagraph (A). Such person shall be bound by the decision in such proceeding (whether or not the person intervenes in such proceeding).

#### (c) Summons to which section applies. -

- (1) In general. Except as provided in paragraph (2), this section shall apply to any summons issued under paragraph (2) of section 7602(a) or under sections 6420(e)(2), 6421(g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7612.

  (2) Exceptions - This section shall not apply to any summons
- - (A) served on the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued, or any officer or employee of such person;
  - (B) issued to determine whether or not records of the business transaction or affairs of an identified person have been made or kept;
  - (C) issued solely to determine the identify of any person having a numbered account (or similar arrangement) with a bank or other institution described in section 7603(b)(2)(A);
  - (D) issued in aid of the collection of-
    - (i) an assessment made or a judgment rendered against the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued, or
    - (ii) the liability at law or in equity of any transferee or
  - fiduciary of any person referred to in clause (i); or
    (i) issued by a criminal investigator of the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the investigation of an offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws, and
    - (ii) served on a person who is not a third-party recordkeeper (as defined in section 7603(b)).
- (3) John Doe and Certain Other Summonses. Subsection (a) shall not apply to
- any summons described in subsection (f) or (g).

  (4) Records. For purposes of this section, the term records includes books, papers, and other data

- (d) Restriction on examination of records. No examination of any records required to be produced under a summons as to which notice is required under subsection (a) may be
  - (1) before the close of the 23rd day after the day notice with respect to the
  - summons is given in the manner provided in subsection (a)(2), or (2) where a proceeding under subsection (b)(2)(A) was begun within the 20-day period referred to in such subsection and the requirements of subsection (b)(2)(B) have been met, except in accordance with an order of the court having jurisdiction of such proceeding or with the consent of the person beginning the proceeding to quash.

#### (e) Suspension of Statute of Limitations. -

- (1) Subsection (b) action. If any person takes any action as provided in subsection (b) and such person is the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued (or is the agent, nominee, or other person acting under the direction or control of such person), then the running of any period of limitations under section 6501 (relating to the assessment and collection of tax) or under section 6531 (relating to criminal prosecutions) with respect to such person shall be suspended for the period during which a proceeding, and appeals therein, with respect to the enforcement of such summons is pending.
- (2) Suspension after 6 months of service of summons. In the absence of the resolution of the summoned party's response to the summons, the running of any period of limitations under section 6501 or under section 6531 with respect to any person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued (other than a person taking action as provided in subsection (b)) shall be suspended for the period-
  - (A) beginning on the date which is 6 months after the service of such summons, and
  - (B) ending with the final resolution of such response.
- (f) Additional requirements in the case of a John Doe summons. -

Any summons described in subsection (c)(1) which does not identify the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued may be served only after a court proceeding in which the Secretary establishes that -

- (1) the summons relates to the investigation of a particular person or ascertainable group or class of persons,
- (2) there is a reasonable basis for believing that such person or group or class of persons may fail or may have failed to comply with any provision of any internal revenue law and
- (3) the information sought to be obtained from the examination of the records or testimony (and the identity of the person or persons with respect to whose liability the summons is issued) is not readily available from other sources.

#### (g) Special exception for certain summonses.

summons is described in this subsection if, upon petition by the Secretary, the court determines, on the basis of the facts and circumstances alleged, that there is reasonable cause to believe the giving of notice may lead to attempts to conceal, destroy, or alter records relevant to the examination, to prevent the communication of information from other persons through intimidation, bribery, or collusion, or to flee to avoid prosecution, testifying, or production of records.

#### (h) Jurisdiction of district court; etc. -

- (1) Jurisdiction. The United States district court for the district within which the person to be summoned resides or is found shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any proceedings brought under subsection (b)(2), (f), or (g). An order denying the petition shall be deemed a final order which may be appealed.
- (2) Special rule for proceedings under subsections (f) and (g). The determinations required to be made under subsections (f) and (g) shall be made ex parte and shall be made solely on the petition and supporting affidavits.

#### (i) Duty of summoned party. -

- Recordkeeper must assemble records and be prepared to produce records. On receipt of a summons to which this section applies for the production of records, the summoned party shall proceed to assemble the records requested, or such portion thereof as the Secretary may prescribe, and shall be prepared to produce the records pursuant to the summons on the day on which the records are to be examined,
- (2) Secretary may give summoned party certificate. The Secretary may issue a certificate to the summoned party that the period prescribed for beginning a proceeding to quash a summons has expired and that no such proceeding began within such period, or that the taxpayer consents to the examination.
- (3) Protection for summoned party who discloses. Any summoned party, or agent or employee thereof, making a disclosure of records of testimony pursuant to this section in good faith reliance on the certificate of the Secretary or an order of a court requiring production of records or the giving of such testimony shall not be liable to any customer or other person for such disclosure.
- (4) Notice of suspension of statute of limitations in the case of a John Doe summons. - In the case of a summons described in subsection (f) with respect to which any period of limitations has been suspended under subsection (e)(2), the summoned party shall provide notice of such suspension to any person described in subsection (f),

#### (j) Use of summons not required. -

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Secretary's ability to obtain information, other than by summons, through formal or informal procedures authorized by sections 7601 and 7602.



# Summons

In the matter of The No	orwegian inco	ome tax liability of John Doe, holder of A	merican Express Card 2029
Internal Revenue Service	e (Division):	LB&I	Article 28 of the Norway - United
Industry/Area (name or	r number):	Deputy Commissioner (International)	States Income Tax Treaty
Periods: January 01, 20	03 through D	ecember 31, 2011	Type of Tax: Income
		The Commissioner of Internal Rev	venue
To: American Express			
At: Attn: Subpoena Con	mpliance Dep	artment, 43 Butterfield Circle, El Paso, T	Texas 79906-5202
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and other data relating to the	tax liability or t	ive testimony and to bring with you and to produce	for examination the following books, records, papers, se of inquiring into any offense connected with the refor the periods shown.
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#### Sec. 7602. Examination of books and witnesses

(a) Authority to Summon, etc. - For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return, making a return where none has been made, determining the liability of any person for any internal revenue tax or the liability at law or in equity of any transferee or fiduciary of any person in respect of any internal revenue tax, or collecting any such liability, the Secretary is authorized -

- (1) To examine any books, papers, records, or other data which may be relevant or material to such inquiry.
- (2) To summon the person liable for tax or required to perform the act, or any officer or employee of such person, or any person having possession, custody, or care of books of account containing entries relating to the business of the person liable for tax or required to perform the act, or any other person the Secretary may deem proper, to appear before the Secretary at a time and place named in the summons and to produce such books, papers, records, or other data, and to give such testimony, under oath, as may be relevant or material to such inquiry; and (3) To take such testimony of the person concerned, under oath, as may be relevant or material to such inquiry.
- (b) Purpose may include inquiry into offense. The purposes for which the Secretary may take any action described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) include the purpose of inquiring into any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal
- (c) Notice of contact of third parties. -
  - (1) General Notice. An officer or employee of the Internal Revenue Service may not contact any person other than the taxpayer with respect to the determination or collection of the tax liability of such taxpayer without providing reasonable notice in advance to the taxpayer that contacts with persons other than the taxpayer may be made
  - (2) Notice of specific contacts. The Secretary shall periodically provide to a taxpayer a record of persons contacted during such period by the Secretary with respect to the determination or collection of the tax liability of such taxpayer. Such record shall also be provided upon request of the taxpayer.
  - (3) Exceptions. This subsection shall not apply-
    - (A) to any contact which the taxpayer has authorized,
    - (B) if the Secretary determines for good cause shown that such notice would jeopardize collection of any tax or such notice may involve reprisal against any person, or
    - (C) with respect to any pending criminal investigation.
- (d) No administrative summons when there is Justice Department referral.(1) Limitation of authority. No summons may be issued under this title, and the Secretary may not begin any action under section 7604 to enforce any summons, with respect to any person if a Justice Department referral is in effect with respect
  - (2) Justice Department referral in effect. For purposes of this subsection-(A) In general. - A Justice Department referral is in effect with respect to any person if-
    - (i) the Secretary has recommended to the Attorney General a grand jury investigation of, or the criminal prosecution of, such person for any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws or (ii) any request is made under section 6103(h)(3)(B) for the disclosure of any return or return information (within the meaning of section 6103(b)) relating to such person.
    - (B) Termination. A Justice Department referral shall cease to be in effect with respect to a person when-
      - (i) the Attorney General notifies the Secretary, in writing, that -
        - (I) he will not prosecute such person for any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws,
        - (II) he will not authorize a grand jury investigation of such
      - person with respect to such an offense, or (III) he will discontinue such a grand jury investigation. (ii) a final disposition has been made of any criminal proceeding pertaining to the enforcement of the internal revenue laws which was instituted by the Attorney General against such person, or
      - (iii) the Attorney General notifies the Secretary, in writing, that he will not prosecute such person for any offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws relating to the request described in sub paragraph (A)(ii).
  - (3) Taxable years, etc., treated separately. For purposes of this subsection, each taxable period (or, if there is no taxable period, each taxable event) and each tax imposed by a separate chapter of this title shall be treated separately.
- (e) Limitation on examination on unreported income. The Secretary shall not use financial status or economic reality examination techniques to determine the existence of unreported income of any taxpayer unless the Secretary has a reasonable indication that there is a likelihood of such unreported income.

Authority to examine books and witness is also provided under sec. 6420 (e)(2) - Gasoline used on farms; sec. 6421(g)(2) - Gasoline used for certain nonhighway purposes by local transit systems, or sold for certain exempt purposes; and sec. 6427(j)(2) - Fuels not used for taxable purposes.

#### Sec. 7603. Service of summons

(a) In general - A summons issued under section 6420(e)(2), 6421(g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602 shall be served by the Secretary, by an attested copy delivered in hand to the person to whom it is directed, or left at his last and usual place of abode; and the certificate of service signed by the person serving the summons shall be evidence of the facts it states on the hearing of an application for the enforcement of the summons. When the summons requires the production of books, papers, records, or other data, it shall be sufficient if such books, papers, records, or other data are described with reasonable certainty

(b) Service by mail to third-party recordkeepers.

- (1) In general. A summons referred to in subsection (a) for the production of books, papers, records, or other data by a third-party recordkeeper may also be served by certified or registered mail to the last known address of such recordkeeper
- (2) Third party record keeper. For purposes of paragraph (1), the term third-party recordkeeper means -
  - (A) any mutual savings bank, cooperative bank, domestic building and loan association, or other savings institution chartered and supervised as a savings and loan or similar association under Federal or State law, any bank (as defined in section 581), or any credit union (within the meaning of section 501 (c)(14)(A));
  - (B) any consumer reporting agency (as defined under section 603(f) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 a(f));
    (C) Any person extending credit through the use of credit cards or

  - (D) any broker (as defined in section 3(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(4)); (E) any attorney;

  - (F) any accountant
  - (G) any barter exchange (as defined in section 6045(c)(3));
  - (H) any regulated investment company (as defined in section 851) and any agent of such regulated investment company when acting as an agent thereof:
  - (I) any enrolled agent; and
  - (J) any owner or developer of a computer software source code (as (J) any owner of developer of a computer software softwar

#### Sec. 7604. Enforcement of summons

(a) Jurisdiction of District Court. - If any person is summoned under the internal revenue laws to appear, to testify, or to produce books, papers, records, or other data, the United States district court for the district in which such person resides or is found shall have jurisdiction by appropriate process to compel such attendance, testimony, or production of books, papers, records, or other data.

(b) Enforcement. - Whenever any person summoned under section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602 neglects or refuses to obey such summons, or to produce books, papers, records, or other data, or to give testimony, as required, the Secretary may apply to the judge of the district court or to a United States Commissioner¹ for the district within which the person so summoned resides or is found for an attachment against him as for a contempt. It shall be the duty of the judge or commissioner 1 to hear the application, and, if satisfactory proof is made, to issue an attachment, directed to some proper officer, for the arrest of such person, and upon his being brought before him to proceed to a hearing of the case; and upon such hearing the judge or the United States Commissioner 1 shall have power to make such order as he shall deem proper, not inconsistent with the law for the punishment of contempts, to enforce obedience to the requirements of the summons and to punish such person for his default or disobedience.

<sup>1</sup>Or United States magistrate, pursuant to P L. 90-578.

# Sec. 7605. Time and place of examination

(a) Time and place. - The time and place of examination pursuant to the provisions of section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602 shall be such time and place as may be fixed by the Secretary and as are reasonable under the circumstances. In the case of a summons under authority of paragraph (2) of section 7602, or under the corresponding authority of section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2) or 6427(j)(2), the date fixed for appearance before the Secretary shall not be less than 10 days from the date of the summons.

### Sec. 7610. Fees and costs for witnesses

- (a) In general. The secretary shall by regulations establish the rates and conditions under which payment may be made of -
  - (1) fees and mileage to persons who are summoned to appear before the Secretary, and
  - (2) reimbursement for such costs that are reasonably necessary which have been directly incurred in searching for, reproducing, or transporting books, papers, records, or other data required to be produced by summons.
- (b) Exceptions. No payment may be made under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) if -(1) the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued has a proprietary interest in the books, papers, records or other data required to be produced, or (2) the person summoned is the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued or an officer, employee, agent, accountant, or attorney of such person
- (c) Summons to which section applies. This section applies with respect to any summons authorized under section 6420(e)(2), 6421 (g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7602.

who, at the time the summons is served, is acting as such.

Sec. 7210. Failure to obey summons

Any person who, being duly summoned to appear to testify, or to appear and produce books, accounts, records, memoranda or other papers, as required under sections 6420(e)(2), 6421(g)(2), 6427(j)(2), 7602, 7603, and 7604(b), neglects to appear or to produce such books, accounts, records memoranda, or other papers, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both, together with costs of prosecution.

To:

Address:

Date:

Enclosed is a copy of a summons served by the IRS to examine records made or kept by, or to request testimony from, the person summoned. If you object to the summons, you are permitted to file a lawsuit in the United States district court in the form of a petition to quash the summons in order to contest the merits of the summons.

If you are the taxpayer, see important information below on the suspensions of your periods of limitation under I.R.C. section 7609(e)(1) and (e)(2).

#### **General Directions**

- You must file your petition to quash in the United States district court for the district where the person summoned resides or is found.
- 2. You must file your petition within 20 days from the date of this notice and pay a filing fee as may be required by the clerk of the court.
- You must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and local rules of the United States district court

# Instructions for Preparing Petition to Quash

- 1. Entitle your petition "Petition to Quash Summons."
- Name the person or entity to whom this notice is directed as the petitioner.
- 3. Name the United States as the respondent.
- 4. State the basis for the court's jurisdiction, as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure. See Internal Revenue Code Section 7609(h).
- State the name and address of the person or entity to whom this notice is directed and state that the records or testimony sought by the summons relate to that person or entity.
- 6. Identify and attach a copy of the summons.



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- 7. State in detail every legal argument supporting the relief requested in your petition. See Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Note that in some courts you may be required to support your request for relief by a sworn declaration or affidavit supporting any issue you wish to contest.
- 8. Your petition must be signed as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.
- Your petition must be served upon the appropriate parties, including the United States, as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4.
- 10. At the same time you file your petition with the court, you must mail a copy of your petition by certified or registered mail to the person summoned and to the IRS. Mail the copy for the IRS to the officer whose name and address are shown on the face of this summons. See 7609(b)(2)(B).

The court will decide whether the person summoned should be required to comply with the summons request.

# **Suspension of Periods of Limitation**

If you are the taxpayer being examined/investigated by this summons and you file a petition to quash the summons (or if you intervene in any suit concerning the enforcement of this summons), your periods of limitation for assessment of tax liabilities and for criminal prosecutions will be suspended pursuant to I.R.C. section 7609(e)(1) for the tax periods to which the summons relates. Such suspension will be effective while any proceeding (or appeal) with respect to the summons is pending. Your periods of limitation will also be suspended under section 7609(e)(2) if the summoned person fails to fully respond to this summons for 6 months. The suspension under section 7609(e)(2) will begin 6 months after the summons is served and will continue until the summoned person finally resolves the obligation to produce the summoned information. You can contact the IRS officer identified on the summons for information concerning the suspension under section 7609(e)(2). If you contact the IRS officer for this purpose, please provide the following information: (1) your name, address, home and work telephone numbers and any convenient time you can be contacted and (2) a copy of the summons or a description of it that includes the date it was issued, the name of the IRS employee who issued it, and the name of the summoned person.

The relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code are enclosed with this notice. If you have any questions, please contact the Internal Revenue Service officer before whom the person summoned is to appear. The officer's name and telephone number are shown on the summons.

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# Sec. 7609. Special procedures for third-party summons

(1) In general. - If any summons to which this section applies requires the giving of testimony on or relating to, the production of any portion of records made or kept on or relating to, or the production of any computer software source code (as defined in 7612(d)(2)) with respect to, any person (other than the person summoned) who is identified in the summons, then notice of the summons shall be given to any person so identified within 3 days of the day on which such service is made, but no later than the 23rd day before the day fixed in the summons as the day upon which such records are to be examined. Such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the summons which has been served and shall contain an explanation of the right under subsection (b)(2) to bring a proceeding to quash

(2) Sufficiency of notice. - Such notice shall be sufficient if, on or before such third day, such notice is served in the manner provided in section 7603 (relating to service of summons) upon the person entitled to notice, or is mailed by certified or registered mail to the last known address of such person, or, in the absence of a last known address, is left with the person summoned. If such notice is mailed, it shall be sufficient if mailed to the last known address of the person entitled to notice or, in the case of notice to the Secretary under section 6903 of the existence of a fiduciary relationship, to the last known address of the fiduciary of such person, even if such person or fiduciary is then deceased, under a legal disability, or no longer in existence.
(3) Nature of summons. - Any summons to which this subsection applies (and any

summons in aid of collection described in subsection (c)(2)(D)) shall identify the taxpayer to whom the summons relates or the other person to whom the records pertain and shall provide such other information as will enable the person summoned to locate the records required under the summons.

#### (b) Right to intervene; right to proceeding to quash.

- (1) Intervention. Notwithstanding any other law or rule of law, any person who is entitled to notice of a summons under subsection (a) shall have the right to intervene in any proceeding with respect to the enforcement of such summons under section 7604.
- (2) Proceeding to quash. -
  - (A) In general. Notwithstanding any other law or rule of law, any person who is entitled to notice of a summons under subsection (a) shall have the right to begin a proceeding to quash such summons not later than the 20th day after the day such notice is given in the manner provided in subsection (a)(2). In any such proceeding, the Secretary may seek to compel compliance with the summons
  - (B) Requirement of notice to person summoned and to Secretary. If any person begins a proceeding under subparagraph (A) with respect to any summons, not later than the close of the 20-day period referred to in subparagraph (A) such person shall mail by registered or certified mail a copy of the petition to the person summoned and to such office as the Secretary may direct in the notice referred to in subsection
  - (C) Intervention, etc. Notwithstanding any other law or rule of law, the person summoned shall have the right to intervene in any proceeding under subparagraph (A). Such person shall be bound by the decision in such proceeding (whether or not the person intervenes in such proceeding).

### (c) Summons to which section applies, -

- (1) In general. Except as provided in paragraph (2), this section shall apply to any summons issued under paragraph (2) of section 7602(a) or under sections 6420(e)(2), 6421(g)(2), 6427(j)(2), or 7612.

  (2) Exceptions. - This section shall not apply to any summons

  (A) served on the person with respect to whose liability the summons is
- - issued, or any officer or employee of such person;
  - (B) issued to determine whether or not records of the business transaction or affairs of an identified person have been made or kept;
  - (C) issued solely to determine the identify of any person having a numbered account (or similar arrangement) with a bank or other institution described in section 7603(b)(2)(A);
  - (D) issued in aid of the collection of-
    - (i) an assessment made or a judgment rendered against the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued, or
    - (ii) the liability at law or in equity of any transferee or
  - fiduciary of any person referred to in clause (i); or (i) issued by a criminal investigator of the internal Revenue Service in connection with the investigation of an offense connected with the administration or enforcement of the internal revenue laws, and
    - (ii) served on a person who is not a third-party recordkeeper (as defined in section 7603(b)).
- (3) John Doe and Certain Other Summonses. Subsection (a) shall not apply to any summons described in subsection (f) or (g).
- (4) Records. For purposes of this section, the term records includes books, papers, and other data.

- (d) Restriction on examination of records. No examination of any records required to be produced under a summons as to which notice is required under subsection (a) may be
  - (1) before the close of the 23rd day after the day notice with respect to the summons is given in the manner provided in subsection (a)(2), or (2) where a proceeding under subsection (b)(2)(A) was begun within the 20-day
  - period referred to in such subsection and the requirements of subsection (b)(2)(B) have been met, except in accordance with an order of the court having jurisdiction of such proceeding or with the consent of the person beginning the proceeding to quash.

#### (e) Suspension of Statute of Limitations. -

- (1) Subsection (b) action. If any person takes any action as provided in subsection (b) and such person is the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued (or is the agent, nominee, or other person acting under the direction or control of such person), then the running of any period of limitations under section 6501 (relating to the assessment and collection of tax) or under section 6531 (relating to criminal prosecutions) with respect to such person shall be suspended for the period during which a proceeding, and appeals therein, with respect to the enforcement of such summons is pending.
- (2) Suspension after 6 months of service of summons. In the absence of the resolution of the summoned party's response to the summons, the running of any period of limitations under section 6501 or under section 6531 with respect to any person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued (other than a person taking action as provided in subsection (b)) shall be suspended for the period-
  - (A) beginning on the date which is 6 months after the service of such summons, and
  - (B) ending with the final resolution of such response.

(f) Additional requirements in the case of a John Doe summons. -Any summons described in subsection (c)(1) which does not identify the person with respect to whose liability the summons is issued may be served only after a court proceeding in which the Secretary establishes that -

- (1) the summons relates to the investigation of a particular person or ascertainable group or class of persons,
- (2) there is a reasonable basis for believing that such person or group or class of persons may fail or may have failed to comply with any provision of any internal revenue law, and
- (3) the information sought to be obtained from the examination of the records or testimony (and the identity of the person or persons with respect to whose liability the summons is issued) is not readily available from other sources.

#### (g) Special exception for certain summonses.

A summons is described in this subsection if, upon petition by the Secretary, the court determines, on the basis of the facts and circumstances alleged, that there is reasonable cause to believe the giving of notice may lead to attempts to conceal, destroy, or alter records relevant to the examination, to prevent the communication of information from other persons through intimidation, bribery, or collusion, or to flee to avoid prosecution, testifying, or production of records.

#### (h) Jurisdiction of district court; etc. -

- (1) Jurisdiction. The United States district court for the district within which the person to be summoned resides or is found shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any proceedings brought under subsection (b)(2), (f), or (g). An order
- denying the petition shall be deemed a final order which may be appealed.

  (2) Special rule for proceedings under subsections (f) and (g). The determinations required to be made under subsections (f) and (g) shall be made ex parte and shall be made solely on the petition and supporting affidavits.

#### (i) Duty of summoned party. -

- (1) Recordkeeper must assemble records and be prepared to produce records.-On receipt of a summons to which this section applies for the production of records, the summoned party shall proceed to assemble the records requested, or such portion thereof as the Secretary may prescribe, and shall be prepared to produce the records pursuant to the summons on the day on which the records are to be
- (2) Secretary may give summoned party certificate. The Secretary may issue a certificate to the summoned party that the period prescribed for beginning a proceeding to quash a summons has expired and that no such proceeding began
- within such period, or that the taxpayer consents to the examination.

  (3) Protection for summoned party who discloses. Any summoned party, or agent or employee thereof, making a disclosure of records of testimony pursuant to this section in good faith reliance on the certificate of the Secretary or an order of a court requiring production of records or the giving of such testimony shall not be liable to any customer or other person for such disclosure.
- (4) Notice of suspension of statute of limitations in the case of a John Doe summons. - In the case of a summons described in subsection (f) with respect to which any period of limitations has been suspended under subsection (e)(2), the summoned party shall provide notice of such suspension to any person described in subsection (f).

#### (j) Use of summons not required. -

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Secretary's ability to obtain information, other than by summons, through formal or informal procedures authorized by sections 7601 and 7602.

# Suspension of Corporate Taxpayer's Period of Limitations on Assessment If a Court Proceeding is Brought Regarding a Designated or Related Summons

The IRS may issue designated or related summonses to examine the tax liability of certain corporations. A designated summons will be identified by a statement at the top of the summons that reads: "This is a designated summons pursuant to IRC 6503(j)." A related summons will be identified by a similar statement at the top of the summons indicating that it is a related summons issued pursuant to I.R.C. sec. 6503(j).

If you are a corporate taxpayer and the IRS has issued a designated or related summons to investigate your tax liability, your period of limitations on assessment will be suspended if a court proceeding concerning the summons is begun. This suspension will be effective on

the day the court proceeding is brought. If the court orders any compliance with the summons, the suspension will continue until 120 days after the summoned person finally resolves his response to the summons. If the court does not order any compliance with the summons, then the period of limitations will resume running on the day after final resolution (but the period of limitations will not expire before the 60th day after final resolution).

To obtain information about the dates of the suspension under section 6503(j), you can contact the IRS officer before whom the person summoned is to appear. The officer's name and telephone number are identified on the summons.



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#### Sec 6503(j). Extension In case of certain summonses

#### (1) In General-

If any designated summons is issued by the Secretary to a corporation (or to any other person to whom the corporation has transferred records) with respect to any return of tax by such corporation for a taxable year (or other period) for which such corporation is being examined under the coordinated examination program (or any successor program) of the Internal Revenue Service, the running of any period of limitations provided in section 6501 on the assessment of such tax shall be suspended—

- (A) during any judicial enforcement period-
  - (i) with respect to such summons, or
  - (ii) with respect to any other summons

which is issued during the 30-day period which begins on the date on which such designated summons is issued and which relates to the same return as such designated summons, and

(B) if the court in any proceeding referred to in paragraph (3) requires any compliance with a summons referred to in subparagraph (A), during the 120 day period beginning with the 1st day after the close of the suspension under subparagraph (A).

If subparagraph (B) does not apply, such period shall in no event expire before the 60th day after the close of the suspension under subparagraph (A).

- (2) Designated Summons -- For purposes of this subsection-
  - (A) In General -- The term "designated summons" means any summons issued for purposes of determining the amount of any tax imposed by this title if--
    - the issuance of such summons is preceded by a review of such issuance by the regional counsel of the Office of Chief Counsel for the region in which the examination of the corporation is being conducted.
    - (ii) such summons is issued at least 60 days before the day on which the period prescribed in section 6501 for the assessment of such tax expires (determined with regard to extensions), and
    - (iii) such summons clearly states that it is a designated summons for purposes of this subsection.
  - (B) Limitation A summons which relates to any return shall not be treated as a designated summons if a prior summons which relates to such return was treated as a designated summons for purposes of this subsection.
- (3) Judicial Enforcement Period For purposes of this subsection, the term "judicial enforcement period" means, with respect to any summons, the period
  - (A) which begins on the day on which a court proceeding with respect to such summons is brought, and
  - (B) which ends on the day on which there is a final resolution as to the summoned person's response to such summons,

# Attachment to "John Doe" Summons to American Express

- 1. With respect to the American Express client holding payment card account number 2029 (John Doe), please provide the following documents for the period January 1, 2003, through the date of compliance with this summons, unless otherwise specified:
  - a) All records of payment account number 2029, including but not limited to:
    - i) account application and related documents, regardless of date
    - ii) know your customer files or similar records required by local law or practice for anti-money laundering purposes, regardless of date
    - iii) current account master file or other account control documents maintained by the bank
    - iv) monthly or other periodic statements of account activity
    - v) documents evidencing the source of payments on the account
  - b) All records of other financial accounts at American Express, its predecessors, affiliates and subsidiaries maintained by John Doe or over which he or she had signature authority or other right of control including, but not limited to:
    - i) account signature cards
    - ii) account applications
    - iii) monthly or periodic bank statements
    - iv) cancelled checks (both sides)
    - v) credit and debit memos and advices
    - vi) wire transfer authorizations
    - vii) deposit slips and deposited items
    - viii) cashiers checks
    - ix) money orders
    - x) letters of credit
    - xi) safe deposit box rental agreements
    - xii) safe deposit box entry cards and visitation ledgers
    - xiii) all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, memoranda, telegrams, telexes, facsimiles, e-mail, and letters of instruction
    - xiv) memorandum files and/or desk files maintained by the bank or its officers or employees (including specifically employees of any private banking department) reflecting communications between the bank and its client or others acting on the client's behalf, and documenting actions taken pursuant to directions received from

- the client or on his behalf; and reflecting any thoughts or decisions of the bank or its employees or officers regarding the account
- xv) know your customer files or similar records required by local law or practice for anti-money laundering purposes.
- c) All records relating to loans made by American Express, its predecessors, affiliates, and subsidiaries to, or applied for by, John Doe, including, but not limited to:
  - i) loan applications
  - ii) financial statements
  - iii) loan and credit files
  - iv) correspondence
- d) All other agreements, contracts, records, books, ledgers, memoranda, notes, files, and other documents relating to all "Private Banking" agreements and relationships to which John Doe is a party, in any capacity.

In performing the search for the above records, please also search the records of your private banking department or office.

For the purpose of this summons, you are required to produce all documents described in this attachment, whether located in the United States or otherwise. that are in your possession, custody, or control, or otherwise accessible or available to you either directly or through other entities.